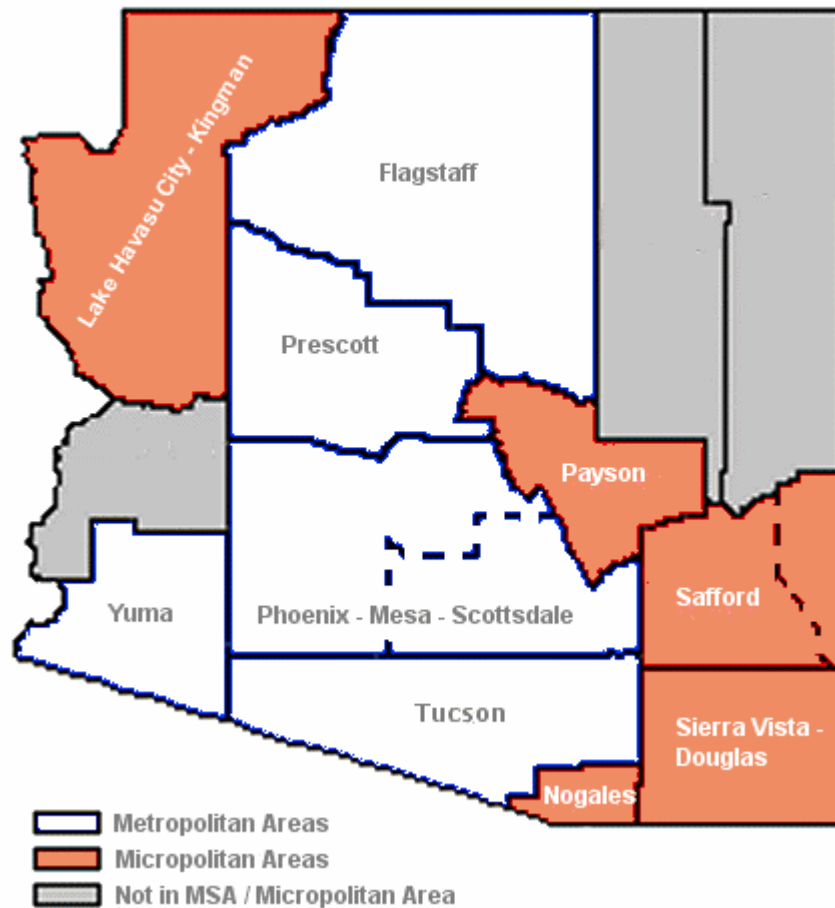


Arizona's New Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas



According to the new federal guidelines, Arizona now has five metropolitan statistical areas and five new micropolitan statistical areas. Based on Census 2000 data, the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) defined metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas for purposes of collecting, tabulating, and publishing federal data. These areas are redefined after each decennial census.

Metropolitan statistical areas are made up of one or more whole counties and have at least one urbanized area of 50,000 or more population. These areas were defined based on population, density, commuting patterns, etc. None of Arizona's metropolitan statistical areas cross state lines as has been the case in the past. Arizona's new metropolitan statistical areas are as follows:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Definition</u>
22380	Flagstaff	(all of Coconino county)
38060	Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale	(all of Maricopa & Pinal counties) (note new name)
39140	Prescott	(all of Yavapai county)

46060	Tucson	(all of Pima county)
49740	Yuma	(all of Yuma county)

For the first time, micropolitan statistical areas were also defined. These areas have at least one urban cluster of 10,000 to 49,999 population. Based on commuting ties, additional counties may be added. Arizona's new micropolitan statistical areas are as follows:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Definition</u>
29420	Lake Havasu City-Kingman	(all of Mohave county)
35700	Nogales	(all of Santa Cruz county)
37740	Payson	(all of Gila county)
40940	Safford	(all of Graham & Greenlee counties)
43420	Sierra Vista-Douglas	(all of Cochise county)

The only Arizona counties not part of a metropolitan/micropolitan statistical area are Apache, La Paz and Navajo.

For detailed information on the nation's new metro areas, see <http://www.census.gov/population/www/estimates/metroarea.html>.